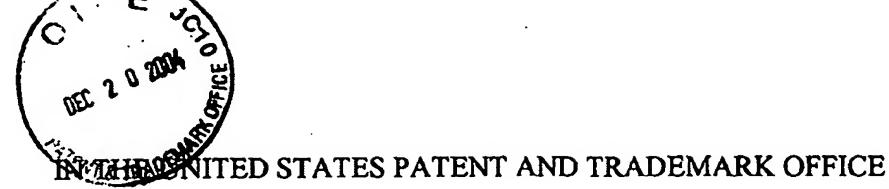
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AMENDMENT A
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein.

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1-18 stand rejected. Claims 1, 3 – 6 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by DE 19757745. Claims 9 – 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No.

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Patent No. 19824966. Claims 2, 7, 8, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). The applicant hereby submits the following amendments and/or remarks, which are fully responsive to the Office Action. The applicant respectfully asserts that the claims are in condition for allowance. Further, the Abstract and the Drawing are amended herein responsive to the Examiner's rejections. Please enter the amendments as indicated herein.